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Dear Ted,

In accordance with our telephone conversation of this morning, I should like to clarify our understanding of the JIGSAW sub-committee report of 5 January.

We understand the purport of the last sentence on page 1 (para. 1 of section 2), to mean that a special committee will be established to develop a coordinated program of intelligence research. We assume that the word production in the report refers to production of a program.

We further understand that the operation of this committee as elaborated at the top of page 2 (para. 2 of section 2) will include, after analysis of fields of investigation, a consultation of relevant producing and consumer agencies. For this point of development, the committee will prepare a tentative program of fields of investigation, including topics in some detail, with suggestions of priority order of importance. The agencies will be requested to comment on this program in respect of their selective requirements, and of the programs they have under way or in contemplation which would contribute to fulfilling the overall program. With this information, the committee will proceed to a fully coordinated statement of needs, resources, and possible accomplishment.

I am glad that we are in agreement on this complicated matter.

Sincerely yours,

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